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SUBJ: PROJECT STORMFURY: NOAA EXPERTS' VISIT TO TOKYO

10/21-22

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SUMMARY: NOAA EXPERTS HAD TWO MEETINGS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS
TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF STORMFURY. END SUMMARY.

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1. NOAA METEOROLOGISTS MET OCTOBER 21 WITH GOJ OFFICIALS

FROM FONOFF, JAPAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY (JMA), MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION, NATIONAL LAND AGENCY, AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY. MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY EIJIRO NODA, COUNSELLOR, UN BUREAU, FONOFF. AS REQUESTED IN REF B, MEETING WAS CONCENTRATED ON GENERALIZED TECHNICAL PRESENTATION OF STORMFURY AND RESPONSES TO GOJ QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF C, AND WAS NOT A DISCUSSION OF POLICY ASPECTS OF PROPOSED PROJECT.

2. MEETING AT FONOFF WAS MARKED BY LONG SERIES OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS FROM SHIMIZU, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, JMA. FONOFF REP ALSO ASKED SEVERAL "BUREAUCRATIC" QUESTIONS RELATED TO US PROCEDURE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. THEY FOLLOW:

- A) WHAT IS TIMETABLE FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS?
- B) DO US CONSULTATIONS COVER PRC AND KOREA?
- C) WHAT IS RELATION BETWEEN US PROGRAM AND POSSIBLE ONE BY THE PHILIPPINES?

THESE QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED FACTUALLY, WITH US REPS INDICATING THAT US ADVICE ON PROJECT AND OFFER OF CONSULTATIONS HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO COUNTRIES OF REGION INCLUDING, OF COURSE , PRC AND ROK.

3. ON OCT 22, NOAA EXPERTS FIRST MET BRIEFLY WITH KEITARO MOHRI, DIRECTOR GENRAL OF JMA. THEN THEY HAD ANOTHER MEETING WITH JMA METEOROLGOISTS AND FOUR UNIVERSITY CONSULTANTS. THIS MEETING WAS A MUCH MORE DETAILED TECHNICAL DISCUSSION OF CONCEPTS, METHODS (INCLUDING INSTRUMENTATION), AND RESULTS TO DATE OF STORMFURY PROJECT. IN COURSE OF THIS MEETING, NOAA EXPERTS FELT THAT JAPANESE METEOROLOGISTS WERE SATISFIED WITH US DISCUSSIONS OF PROPOSED EXPERIMENT AND WITH EXPERT'S ANSWERS TO THEIR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS. JAPANESE METEOROLOGISTS ALSO EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT PHILIPPINES MIGHT CONDUCT A SIMILAR EXPERIMENT ALONE, WITHOUT EXTENSIVE MEASUREMENTS AND CONTROLS US IS CONTEMPLATING.

4. AS OVERALL SUMMARY OF MEETINGS IN TOKYO, NOAA EXPERTS SAID THAT THEY FELT METEOROLOGICAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTED AT BOTH MEETINGS WOULD NOT OPPOSE PROPOSED STORMFURY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROJECT. THEY THOUGHT US POSITION OF KEEPING JAPAN INFORMED BUT NOT RPT NOT ASKING GOJ PERMISSION FOR STORMFURY WAS APPROACH BEST CALCULATED TO AVOID OFFICIAL GOJ OBJECTION TO PROJECT.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: FOR REASONS EXPLAINED IN EARLIER MESSAGES, EMBASSY STILL CONSIDERS THAT GOJ OBJECTION TO PROJECT REMAINS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. END COMMENT.

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